THE RESOLUTION TO CONVERT FROM QUARTERS TO SEMESTERS:

WHEREAS the Ohio Strategic Plan for Higher Education, 2008-2017 establishes a University System of Ohio that facilitates the Ohio Credit Transfer System initiated by the Ohio General Assembly; and

WHEREAS the Ohio Strategic Plan for Higher Education states that "the success of students, the integration of institutions, and opportunities to improve efficiencies and trim costs would be bolstered by a move toward a common academic calendar across all of the universities in the state;" and

WHEREAS The Ohio State University supports an integrated system of higher education in Ohio whose member institutions share common academic calendars; and

WHEREAS the three higher education institutions in Ohio that currently remain on a quarter calendar (Ohio University, The University of Cincinnati, and Wright State University) have declared plans to convert to a semester calendar; and

WHEREAS converting from quarters to semesters would serve to eliminate the competitive disadvantage now experienced by The Ohio State University students who fall behind most other college and university students in the United States in securing and beginning summer internships and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS a flexible semester calendar would facilitate and enhance opportunities for undergraduate and graduate student research, international study, internships, service learning, and other specialized learning experiences; and

WHEREAS The Ohio State University has studied and widely discussed the feasibility of a conversion from quarters to semesters in 1990-91 and 2000-01 prior to the investigation of such a conversion in 2008-09; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Ohio State University adopt a semester calendar with no fewer than 65 and, with the exception of professional colleges or academic disciplines whose accreditation standards require a longer term, no more than 70 days of instruction in each semester, to take effect no earlier than Autumn, 2012; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress bring the precise 2012 academic calendar to the University Senate for review and approval; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the axioms and recommendations presented in the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Semesters guide the process of implementing the semester conversion, and that other semester models be considered in addition to the sole model presented in the final report.